Goa, facilities at te local airport are intended to be expanded and upgraded. There is, however, no avoidable congestion because of chartered flights as Director General of Civil Aviation allots suitable time slots for the chartered flights.

(c) and (d) At present, National Airports Authority has no plan for expansion of Belgaum airport.

Aircraft used by Indian Airlines

1569. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of 737 boeings with the Indian Airlines which are more than 15 years old;

(b) what is the life span of each aircraft with the Indian Airlines.

(c) whether these aircrafts are not being overused. if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when these aircrafts will be phased out?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Inditn Airlines have 10 B_737 aircraft which are more than 15 years old.

(b) to (d) While Indian Airlines has not prescribed any specific life span for its aircraft, which can be operated as long as they are certified as airworthy, it has adopted a fleet renewal plan which envisages phasing out of more than 20 year old aircraft as a first step, aircraft between the age of 16 to 19 years are to be phased out during 1995-2000 and those between 14 to 16 years beyond the year 2000.

Providing Security Guards on Domestic Flights

1570. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to keep armed security guards on all domestic flights of Indian Airlines in order to check hijacking;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for not providing armed security;

(c) whether the crew will also be provided with licenced weapons; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) It has been decided to set-up a multi-disciplinary Group of experts to review comprehensively the existing anti-hijacking and anti-sabotage measures with a view to strengthening them. The Group will consider all relevant factors concerning aviation security.

Loss due to crash of Indian Airlines plane on 26th April, 1993

1571. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimated loss due to crash of Indian Airlines plane;

(b) what is the amount of this loss that will be made good by the Insurance Companies;

(c) what amount of compensation will be paid to the kin of the dead and to the injured; and

(d) what is the number of ageing boeing aircrafts which would be grounded to avoid such accident in future and the details thereof?